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1. IN KEEPING WITH ETHIOPIAN (PMGSE) POSITION ON NAMIBIA OUTLINED REFTEL, APRIL 27 EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED ETHIOPIAN HERALD REJECTED SOUTH AFRICA'S ACCEPTANCE OF WESTERN PROPOSALS AS "COORDINATED PLOT TO DELAY LIBERATION PROCESS OF NAMIBIA." EDITORIAL CLAIMED
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THAT TIMING OF SOUTH AFRICAN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS DESIGNED TO CUT GROUND FROM BENEATH UN DILIBERATIONS AND TO MIS-LEAD INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINOUN. COMPLIANCE OF VORSTER REGIME "RAISES TO PORTENTOUS HEIGHTS, MENACE PRESENTED BY IMPERIALISM AND RACISM TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY." EDITORIAL ARGUED THAT ONLY LONG-LASTING SOLUTION WAS FOR PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA UNDER SWAPO LEADER-

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SHIP TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE. IT ADDED, URGENCY
TO MATTER REQUIRES IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL WITH-
DRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATION, POLICE FORCE
AND TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA.

2. COMMENT: ETHIOPIAN POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL
ISSUES ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE PREDICTABLE AS PMGSE
FOLLOWS SOVIET AND "RADICAL" THIRD WORLD LEAD ON DIS-
TANT INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS IN PARTIAL EXCHANGE FOR FULL
MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT OF ETHIOPIA'S FAR MORE IMPORTANT
NATIONAL INTERESTS.
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